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SUBJECT: (S) VANCOUVER OLYMPICS 2010: CANADIAN REQUEST FOR
MILITARY TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: 08 OTTAWA 1231

Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Senior Defense Relations Officer Erwin Sippert told pol/mil officer on January 7 that Canada hopes the United States will respond positively and quickly via dipnote to para 2 request for military-to-military assistance in support of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. Canada seeks urgent U.S. response, Sippert said, due in part to Canada Command's desire to draw on the requested capabilities in two linked pre-Olympics exercises, which will run from February 9-13: Canada Command's Operation Staunch Maple, and the larger, whole-of-government Operation Silver, run by the Privy Council Office.

¶2. (S/Rel Canada) Begin Canadian dipnote text:

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The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to recent discussions between officials of our Governments, including the Department of National Defence and the Office of the Coordinator for 2010 Olympic and G8 Security, concerning military-to-military assistance in support of providing security for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Department wishes to advise the Embassy that Canada is making an initial request for the provision of certain urgent capabilities and products which, it is understood, could be made available by the United States Department of Defense National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and/or the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). The requested capabilities include:

- ¶1. NGA capabilities to reinforce the Canadian Forces' Geospatial Intelligence deployed resources in the Operation PODIUM are of operations as well as in the Canadian Forces reach-back team in Ottawa;
- ¶2. high resolution imagery;
- ¶3. elevation data;
- ¶4. solid terrain models;
- ¶5. motion imagery;
- ¶6. stereo airfield collection;
- ¶7. "Harbourview" products; and
- ¶8. detailed survey products - 3D geospatial tools to provide orientation and planning support packages.

The 19 June 1951 Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces would apply to United States Forces deployed to Canada in response to this request. Force protection would be provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). United States Forces and personnel deployed to Canada pursuant to this request would be transferred to the operation control of Canada Command. The command and control authorities would be agreed between United States Forces and Canada Command. (Canada Command is the national supported military command providing assistance to the RCMP, the agency responsible for security of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. The two Canadian supporting military organizations associated with the requested capabilities are the Canadian Special Operation Forces Command and the Chief of Defense Intelligence).

The duration, timing, modalities of transfer of equipment and personnel and other related logistics elements of this request would be coordinated directly between Canada Command and the relevant United States Agencies and Commands. The military point of contact for this request is Canada Command Deputy Chief of Staff Plans, Colonel John Backstrom, 613-992-7990.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ottawa, January 6, 2009

End dipnote text.

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